

Community input requested on regional hazard mitigation plan

As part of a regional effort to reduce vulnerability to natural disasters, the City of Concord is requesting public feedback on natural disaster risk and preparedness. This feedback will assist the efforts of the City of Concord and Cabarrus, Stanly, and Union counties to combine respective local natural hazard mitigation plans into one regional plan. A mitigation plan identifies and assesses a community's natural hazard risks, and determines how to best minimize or manage those risks.

A <u>brief survey</u> provides the public an opportunity to share opinions and participate in the regional planning process. Responses will help the planning team to better understand the region's hazard concerns, which can lead to mitigation activities and help lessen the impact of future hazard events.

By maintaining a Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan, Concord is eligible for FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grant Program (HMAGP), which provides funds for eligible mitigation activities that reduce disaster losses and protect life and property from future disaster damages. HMAGP provides funding opportunities for mitigation activities both before and after a disaster, as well as long-term hazard mitigation measures after a Presidential Disaster Declaration.

Residents of Cabarrus, Stanly, and Union counties are invited to participate in this survey at:

bit.ly/CSUHMPlan

or

<u>surveygizmo.com/s3/1352190/Public-Participation-Survey-for-Hazard-Mitigation-Planning-Cabarrus-Stanly-Union</u>

Please help us by completing this survey, and thank you!

If you have any questions or would like to learn more about disaster preparedness and mitigation, please contact the City of Concord Emergency Management Office at (704) 920-5528.